

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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**REVISED NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES**

DOCKET NO. 2019-281-S

**APPLICATION OF PALMETTO UTILITIES, INC. FOR AN INCREASE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICE AND MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICE**

Palmetto Utilities, Inc. (the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an increase of the Company's rates and charges for the provision of sewer service and modifications to certain terms and conditions of the provision of its service. The Company is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(4) (2015), providing sewer service to the public for compensation in certain areas of Richland and Kershaw counties, South Carolina, pursuant to rates set by the Commission in Docket No. 2017-228-S.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240 (2015) and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-512.4.A and 103-503 (2012), the Company requests that the Commission approve an increase in its monthly sewer service rates and the adoption of a charge for tampering with Company facilities and equipment. The Company also seeks modifications to certain terms and conditions of its rate schedule, including circumstances when the proposed tampering charge may be imposed and the adoption of language limiting the Company's liability for interruption of, or failure to provide, service in certain circumstances.

**THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW**

(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov))

<b>Palmetto Utilities Residential Monthly Charges</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Residential monthly charge Per single-family house, condominium, villa, or apartment unit	\$52.10	\$66.62

**THE COMPANY STATES IN ITS APPLICATION THAT IT WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER A PHASE-IN OF APPROVED ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE OVER SOME PERIOD OF TIME TO LIMIT THE IMMEDIATE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT.**

\*Charges for commercial establishments served by the Company are based upon single family equivalency (SFE) ratings set using wastewater treatment plant capacity design loading factors established in S.C. Code Regs. 61-67, Appendix A.

**\*\*All commercial customers will pay based on a minimum SFE rating of one (1), which is \$66.62 per month. Some commercial customers will have minimum SFE ratings greater than one (1).**

**If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.**

A copy of the Company's Application can be found on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under Docket No. 2019-281-S. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the office of John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A, P. O. Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **January 21, 2020**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2019-81-S and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **January 21, 2020. Please refer to Docket No. 2019-281-S.**

Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers should notify, in writing, the Commission at the address below; the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **February 3, 2020.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **April 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina, 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through April 29, 2020, if necessary.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORDS (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only):** All parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and serve all Parties of Records. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **03/10/2020**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **03/31/2020**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **04/14/2020**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due **04/21/2020**. All prefiled testimony deadlines are subject to the information as posted on [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under Docket No. 2019-281-S.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in the scheduled dates included in this notice, please refer to [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and Docket No. 2019-281-S.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at 803-896-5100 or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

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